POLICY

Section: Division of Budget, Planning, and Analysis

Subject: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) -DENR Responsibilities

Approved By: Dempsey Benton, DENR Deputy Secretary

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Purpose The purpose of the FEMA policy is to ensure DENR compliance with

numerous federal rules, administrative processes, and guidelines while

effectively responding to emergencies.

Policy It is the policy of DENR to respond as fully and promptly as possible to a

variety of natural and other disasters. The actions of our employees are guided by the need to protect life and property of the people of North Carolina, ensure employee safety, and safeguard the assets of the

department.

Federal aid is often available to offset departmental expenditures made in addressing emergencies. It is the policy of DENR to seek all such reimbursements that are advantageous for the state and for which

programs qualify.

A cadre of DENR staff will be trained to accurately implement state and FEMA guidelines when responding to a variety of emergency situations. FEMA procedures developed pursuant to this policy should be compatible with other emergency responsibilities such as Homeland Security, the State Emergency Response Team, local emergencies, and the Incident Command Team Structure.